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621 The married man acts as the head of his
•594 household and answers for his wife, his daughters, and his unmarried sons. When he reaches middle life, after his daughters
621 have married and he has sons-in-law to heed his wishes, he is the
596 head of an extended family and gains in prestige. If anything very serious, such as a witchcraft trial, brings the members of a local group together, though all adults are present, it is these heads of extended families who monopolize the discussion and
[554] carry the decision. However, these representatives of extended families do not all stand on a par. They, and the families for whom they appear, vary in status and affluence. Of these elders,
[622] one is the recognized leader and a person who is expected to voice his views in detail and with conviction. It is loyalty to this local group leader and trust in his wisdom which holds the particular nucleus of families together.

554 There may be others present, men distinguished for wealth,
596 bravery, or exceptional ceremonial knowledge, who are little less
622 important in status than the leader. The leader needs their good
623 will and support and seldom ignores their advice when their desires are obvious. These men may be considered the inner circle of the council, the advisers upon whom the leader leans heavily. "The heads of extended families are not necessarily leaders. They are often men of some influence though. C. was the leader of his little bunch, yet he was not recognized as a great leader. N. was both. The leader, however, is sure to be also the head of an extended family." Most of the others, because they are younger or more retiring, or because they represent families that are small, poor, or low in social position, add little besides their presence and their assent to what is decided.

619 To complete the picture, it is necessary to add that it is the
621 most dominating of the local group leaders who heads the band.
622 This distinction is not always clear cut. Sometimes the member-
554 ship of two different local groups of a band each considers its leader superior. Then, when these two local groups join forces, authority is fairly evenly divided. Thus, while the Central Chiricahua of all local groups acknowledged Cochise as their leader, among the Eastern Chiricahua some preferred the direction of Victorio, others had more confidence in Nana.